

## **RECREATION FEE ACCOUNT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **Moab Campgrounds**

#### **Description**

The Moab Field Office manages 25 campgrounds for the enjoyment of 144,285 campers in 2011. These campgrounds are located in heavily visited areas, including the Colorado River Corridor, along Utah's Scenic Byways 279 and 313, and at other popular locations. Several of the campgrounds also have reservable group sites that visitors may reserve in advance. There are 26 of these reservable group sites in total.

#### **Fee Schedule**

Individual sites are \$10.00 to \$15.00 per site per night; group sites are reservable with a \$20 reservation fee and a per person charge of \$3.50 to \$4.00 per person per night.

#### **Accomplishments**

The primary accomplishment of the UT01 fee program is maintaining the "cleanest campgrounds in the BLM", as evidenced by visitor comments. The 25 BLM campgrounds are cleaned by BLM staff at least twice per week. These employees are largely supported by UT01 funds. The maintenance crew cleans each of the 25 campgrounds, using a high pressure water system cleaning unit on the toilets, washes picnic tables, stocks toilet paper, picks up litter and trash, and takes water samples to ensure safe drinking water systems. Funds are also used to operate maintenance staff vehicles (providing a mobile shop on site), to buy toilet paper, garbage bags, cleaning supplies, repair items for the high pressure water systems, staff uniforms and other items necessary to maintaining clean and safe campgrounds. Specific instances of UT01 expenditures in 2009 are listed below, although the list is not intended to include all instances of UT01 expenditures.

Operation of the Moab Campgrounds program could not be accomplished without funding from the UT01 fee account. The account pays 85% of maintenance workers salaries, all group campground and reservation costs, including salary, all vehicle and equipment costs, the bulk of supply costs, and all site improvement costs.

#### **Visitor Services, Interpretation**

The Moab BLM manages a large campground host program that is totally supported by UT01 funding. Up to eight volunteer hosts live in the campgrounds, providing visitor services and interpretation for campers. Hosts receive subsistence payments, as well as volunteer uniform items, all of which are paid for with UT01 funds. Campground hosts are the first line of contact with campers. UT01 funds also paid for new signs for information kiosks in the campgrounds. The recycling contract for the Goose Island

campground was continued in 2011, due to popular camping demand. Goose Island serves as a recycling center for all 11 of the campgrounds on the Colorado River.

### **Repair, Maintenance, and Facility Enhancement**

In 2011, each of the 110 kiosks in the Moab Field Office was repainted and refurbished, utilizing youth labor. In addition, the pipe safes at each campground were also painted. Preparation continued on the Moab Skyway, which is due for opening as a reservable day use site in 2012. Horse corrals were added to two sites at Ken's Lake Campground, enabling visitors who bring horses to camp on BLM lands. These sites will be added to the reservable group site list in 2012. In addition, a new group site was added to the Ken's Lake Campground. A roadbase bulk order for the campgrounds was paid for in 2011. This roadbase will be used to upgrade campground roads in 2012. New fire rings were installed at several of the campgrounds. The new rings are accessible and safer than the old ones. Many of the campground toilets were repainted from the ground up in 2011. This makes the toilet building both more attractive and easier to keep clean. Walkways were added to the Dewey Bridge toilets, making them more accessible.



**Typical Fire Grill at Group Campground**



**Roadbase at a BLM Campground**

### **Law Enforcement – Public Use and Recreation**

UT01 funds pay for Law Enforcement services in the campgrounds. BLM Law Enforcement rangers make frequent campground patrols both during the day and at night.

### **Wildlife Habitat Restoration, Resource Protection**

The native plant revegetation campground project continued in 2011. Weekly watering was necessary for the plants put in the ground in years prior. Besides being visually more attractive for the visitors, the native plantings are more conducive to wildlife use. This revegetation project requires weed maintenance in campgrounds until the native plantings are large enough to stand on their own. Much of the maintenance of the revegetation work has been carried out using youth volunteers: UT01 monies pay for the work supervisor of these youth.

**Fee Agreements and Reservation Services**

UT01 monies were used to run the group site reservation office, providing services to group site holders. In addition, the lease payment for the State of Utah for the Williams Bottom campground was paid from these funds.

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